

MCCS (SWAW/EXW) Michael B. Lewis United States Navy

Michael B. Lewis entered the Navy in August 1992. After completing basic recruit training in Orlando. Fla., he reported to USS Kiska home ported in Concord, Calif., as an undesignated seaman. During this tour, he was accepted to attend Photographer's Mate "A" school in Pensacola, Fla.

Upon successful completion of "A" school, he was transferred to USS Independence located in Yokosuka, Japan in December of 1994. He was promoted to Photographer's Mate Third Class in December 1995. While attached with this unit he did two cruises in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DESERT STORM.

He then completed the Photographic Processing Maintenance Quality Control "C" School at the Defense School of Photography earning an 8133 NEC prior to reporting to Fleet Imaging Command Pacific in Barber's Point, Hawaii. He was promoted to Photographer's Mate Second Class in June of 1998.

Returning to sea duty, he was assigned to USS Belleau Wood located in Sasebo, Japan in May 2000 which undertook a hull swap with USS Essex within five months of assignment. He was promoted to Photographer's Mate First Class in December 2001.

He reported to the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Md., in July 2003 where he earned NEC's, 9502, instructor, 8143, video production specialist, and qualified Master Training Specialist. While at DINFOS he was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in 2006.

After DINFOS he reported to Naval Expeditionary Combat Command detachment Combat Camera, Norfolk, Va. At Combat Camera he completed a six-month tour with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula and a six-month tour in Bahrain with Commander Task Force 56 in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Following Combat Camera, he graduated from the Public Affairs Qualification Course reported to Commander, Naval Forces Europe-Africa, Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet located in Naples, Italy in 2010. During this tour, he participated in Operation Odyssey Dawn and served as the staff senior enlisted leader.

After departing Naples in April 2013, he reported to U.S Pacific Fleet where he is currently serving as the Public Affairs leading chief petty officer.

Senior Chief Lewis' personal awards include the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medals and multiple campaign and service awards.